GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MULTI PURPOSE NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pilot project of Multi- Purpose National Identity Card has been completed as reported in Dainik Jagran dated April 4, 2008 and Hindustan Times dated April 5, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has drawn up any scheme for issuing identity cards in the entire country and carrying out census in the year 2011;

(d) if so, whether the work relating to issuance of identity cards has been completed in some of the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (e): Yes Sir, the first phase of the implementation of the pilot project on Multi-purpose National Identity Cards (MNIC) has been completed on 31.3.2008.More than 12 lakh identity (smart) cards have been issued to those of 18 years and above in the pilot areas in 12 States and one Union Territory in the country.20 MNIC Centres set up one in each tehsil/block of the pilot areas, will remain functional till 31.3.2009 for maintenance and updating of database.

Besides, they will be providing services to the identity card holders as well as those who could not be verified in the first phase. No area in the State of Maharashtra was covered in the pilot project.

2. The Planning Commission has accorded 'in principal approval' to the scheme for preparation of National Population Register (NPR).The scheme envisages collection of information on specified items of each individual at the time of population enumeration during census 2011.